BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-089-C - ORDER NO. 97-861

OCTOBER 13, 1997

VMR.

IN RE: ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc., in its

General Subscriber Services Tariff, to
Eliminate its Public and Semi-Public
Telephone Services and to Establish an
Access Line to Support Instrument
Implemented Smart Payphones and an
Access Line that Utilizes Central Office
Provided Coin Services.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion filed by the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA). SCPCA asks that the pre-filing of testimony and hearing in the present case be postponed until after the Commission has issued final Orders in the unbundled network element (UNE) cost proceeding (Docket No. 97-374-C) and the universal service proceeding (Docket No. 97-239-C). The basis for said Motion is that, in essence, the final Orders in these proceedings will have a direct bearing on the issues in the present case. Although we have issued an Order in Docket No. 97-239-C, Petitions for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration and/or Clarification have been filed, which have yet to be addressed by this Commission. We have issued no merits Order in Docket No. 97-374-C, since we have not had the opportunity to hold a hearing in the case.

We agree with SCPCA that the resultant Orders in the two Dockets mentioned above will have a direct bearing on the case herein. Accordingly, we grant the Motion for continuance of the hearing, and suspend the deadlines for the filing of testimony and exhibits until further Order of the Commission. We do hold, however, that when this matter is rescheduled, ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc. (ALLTEL) will be allowed to supplement its testimony. We further hold that ALLTEL is eligible to receive dial around compensation.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Mre

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